

## Hannah's Harpoons

BY HANNAH SAMPSON

I'm the world's biggest coward. I'm stuck with a spine made of cream cheese.

It's quite a show I put on, shrilly agreeing with my young ones that the nice snake is our helper; that they have only to stand still while that good old bee with get his nectar and fly away to make nutritious honey for their morning toast. Glued to the spot. That's how I stand there.

With a mother who's such a coward, how is it that my children have no phobias, night terrors, or warped personalities.

### UNCONTROLLABLE HULAS

I wouldn't touch a snake with a forked clothespole, and even a small spider sends me into uncontrollable hulas. Yet my children poke and caress the local fauna as though I were Mrs. Thoreau herself . . . if there ever were a Mrs. T.

I grew to maturity (well, I'm not going to argue with you!) without once having been close enough to a startling to see how its wing works. I saw a mouse once, but my neighbor bundled me riotously out of her house where I had run in response to her psyche-wrecking shrieks, and I never saw the mouse again, or for that matter, was ever again talked to by my neighbor. (Mice . . . are not nice!)

I can't swim, and the only deep water I like is tepid in a tub, yet my eight and ten year olds are slick as porpoises in the surf as their Red Cross certificates will testify.

I never rode a bike or climbed a tree, and the greatest athletic endeavor I have chalked up in my favor was at the age of ten, when I made a wild connection with a derby hat when throwing a soggy snowball then taking to the hills.

### KICKING AND SCREAMING

I never went on an overnight hike, or spent a week at camp, and the closest I ever came to a horse was the day my husband dragged me, kicking and screaming, on a mule ride at Disneyland. (It isn't true that hysterical blindness lasts for two days. It just seems that way).

It have never fished even from the safety of a pier, and anyone who wants to catch a little rabbitskin will have to reckon without me. There isn't enough cotton in Dixie to stuff into these ears when the Fourth of July bombs start bursting in air, although my children are the firecracker-lighting champs of the community.

### HAITIAN WITCH DOCTOR

I am afraid of thunder and lightning, and as superstitious as a Haitian Witch Doctor, yet my children relish the elements, and, to them, a black cat represents only a furry creature with which to walk under a ladder when Friday the Thirteenth rolls around.

I have never slept out under the stars until (as Henry Fielding has said):

"The dusky night rides down the sky

And ushers in the morn . . ."

I would be terrified of every unknown shape and shadow, and shivered up by every sound I heard.

It isn't true that I haven't tried, you know. And what is more, I plan to try again.

I am going to take that trusty gun, and have another go at the aphids. I'll get them for SURE this time.

## Air Safety Through Modern Electronics

The modern day jet age depends upon modern electronics to insure the safe and expeditious flow of aircraft to almost every populated city of the world. As a result of such advances, travel aboard a modern jet airliner is six to seven times safer than in a modern automobile.

From the very beginning of an aircraft flight, electronics is utilized. Prior to each flight, a pilot receives weather information via FAA teletypewriter circuits. Upon deciding the route desired, he then receives flight clearance and taxi clearance via the modern VHF and UHF Communications systems.

In the event that positive identification of the aircraft is required, a radar beacon system can be utilized to determine the exact identification of any given airplane.

Upon reaching an assigned route, the aircraft flies the electronic freeway which is furnished by the VORTAC system (Very High Frequency Omni Distance Range TACAN systems). This system not only supplies the pilot with highway information but also tells him his exact distance from or to a given facility. Upon arrival at the destination point, the aircraft utilizes the Instrument Landing System to furnish him information as to runway location and aircraft descent. This system guides him to the center of the runway and as a double check during the approach, the aircraft may be monitored by the use of the Precision Approach Radar which gives altitude and runway alignment information at all times. Just prior to visual contact with the runway, the pilot will see a series of high intensity flashers pointing to the end of the runway. This system utilizes strafe lights which have an intensity of ten million candle power each, and look like a bolt of lightning. Shortly thereafter, the pilot manually takes over to land on the runway.

However, in a present experimental system, aircraft may actually make an airport landing without the pilot touching the controls in any manner by the use of

the FAA electronics systems.

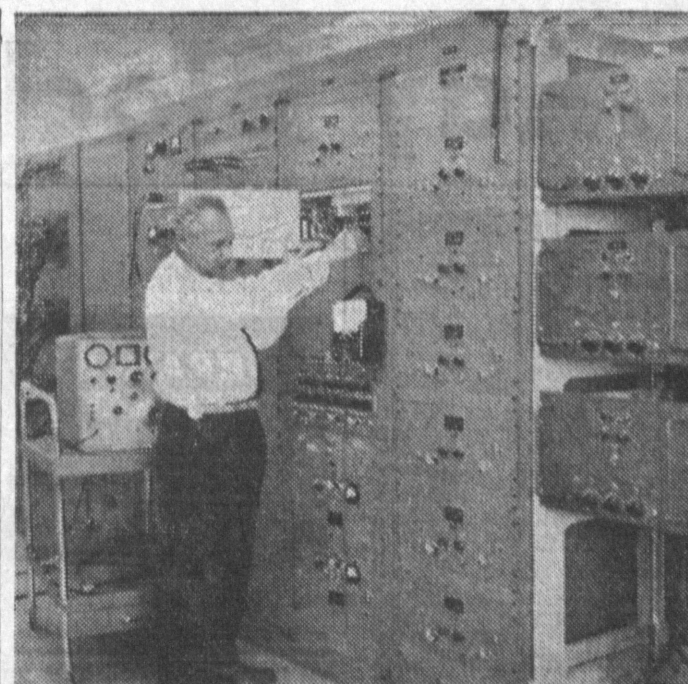
Charged with the responsibility of this vast network of facilities in the local area is the Systems Maintenance Office of the Federal Aviation Agency. This office employs approximately forty one technical experts who have received extensive specialized training the Federal Aviation Agency, as well as having broad electronic knowledge and experience prior to being accepted by the Federal Aviation Agency. This office is headed by M. E. McKinney, a CAA/FAA employee of eighteen years, who is assisted by Mr. R. T. Shraga, a veteran of sixteen years. This office's technical assignments include 31 separate systems and includes Los Angeles International, Santa Monica, Hawthorne and Torrance Airports.

In line with the FAA fifth anniversary, the public will for the first time be allowed to visit Federal Aviation Agency installations at the Los Angeles International Airport Control Tower, the Torrance and Hawthorne Towers, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. The public is urged to attend.

## White Front Announces New Pacoima Store

Grand opening of the newest White Front store was held Thursday at the corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Osborn in Pacoima. City councilman Louis R. Nowell, television and motion picture personalities Troy Donahue, Rick Jason and Gail Davis are among those who joined White Front executives at the 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Sol Cantor, president of Interstate Department Stores, Inc., White Front's parent company; Harry Epstein, vice president and general manager of White Front Stores, Inc., and Sam Nassi, general merchandise manager for the chain, took part in ceremonies honoring the White Front sponsored team, which preceded the Grand Opening.



PICTURED ABOVE is Samuel Randler, electronic specialist, checking performance of receiver equipment installed at the Torrance Airport. Maximum receiver performance is necessary to assure continuous contact with aircraft.

## Mexican Fiesta Presented Free

A three-day Mexican fiesta, complete with mariachi band, dancers, ranchero singers and all the color of old Mexico is being presented as a public service this

weekend in cooperation with the City of Ensenada, Mexico.

Entertainers are being sent to the new Ports of Call Village tourist and recreation center in San Pedro by the City of Ensenada to call attention to the Children's Breakfast Program of Mexico.

The program gets underway at 7:30 Friday evening, continuing until midnight, and beginning again at 3 p.m. Saturday and on Sunday afternoon at the same time.

There is no charge of any kind, for admission or parking. Receipts will be provided for those wishing to contribute canned or dried food or used clothing for the needy of the Ensenada area.

The Ports of Call Village is located at the water's edge in San Pedro, just off of 6th Street.

## Las Madrecitas to Fete New Members

New members of Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopaedic Hospital, will be feted at a post-meeting luncheon on Thursday.

Following the regular monthly meeting at the Palos Verdes Library, members will adjourn to the home of Mrs. Wyman G. Reynolds, 238 Chelsea Road, Palos Verdes Estates, where Mrs. Richard J. Egan, membership chairman, will formally present the new members to the group.

Welcome will be extended to the Meses. William B. Palmer, C. R. Bond, R. D. Quinn, L. E. Justice, Joseph C. Amato and Paul Elkins are being handled by Mrs. Luncheon arrangements by William Hoffman.

## Churchwomen Set World Community Day

United Church Women, Torrance - Lomita Council, will share in celebrating World Community Day Friday, Nov. 1, at the Welteria Community Methodist Church, 3646 Newton St., Welteria.

The coffee hour at 9 will be followed by the business meeting at 10:15 and the program at 11 a.m.

The Rev. David O. Beadles, pastor of the Welteria church, will be speaker. His subject will be "Our Nation."

Presentation and dedication of gifts for the needy of the Latin American countries will conclude the meeting.

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## YMCA...

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be to better serve thousands of high school and college youth in need of attractive program facilities. The prominence of the site will also serve to let new thousands of citizens know that a fine YMCA does exist for our community.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, member of the National Council of the YMCA, and long active in the local search for a new YMCA home, stated, "We are finally commencing to create a program headquarters equivalent to the youth work that has been done in inadequate facilities for many years. Our kids deserve a 'Y' building that they can be proud of. With God's help, we can provide this needed tool for until thousands of local boys and girls."

Smith reported that the search for free land, or less expensive property will still continue. However, this site was too good to lose, and time is very important since the big YMCA campaign has long been slated for this coming spring.

Smith invited all citizens to share in the effort to build the new facility, and especially urged those who are able to help buy the land on Nov. 29.

YMCA is buying the land from Pacific Sierra Corporation at \$53,000 per acre.

The site is big enough for any possible YMCA needed ever, 15,000 square feet in the first unit.

## Time Change Causes Tricky Light Problem

The return to standard time poses a problem of adjustment for many drivers, California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden said this week.

"Dusk now comes an hour earlier, just about the time when hundreds of thousands of motorists are leaving work and heading for home. The tricky half-light is frequently insufficient for adequate vision at driving enough to rob headlights of some of their effectiveness."

"Events which formerly could be seen in time to take a corrective action—such as the car coming out of a side street, a child stepping into a crosswalk—may come as surprises."

"The situation demands added alertness and extra caution, particularly during the first weeks of the change."

### COLLEGE CITED

Marymount College has received letters of congratulation from Generalissimo Chang Kai Shek, President Diosdado Macapagal of the Philippines and Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan for the second annual Asian Affairs Day program, which took place on the Palos Verdes Estates campus on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The college was cited for its efforts to contribute to international appreciation and understanding of one another's cultural assets, according to Mrs. Robert F. Lande, who served as co-chairman for the day long program.

while drivers accustom themselves to the new driving conditions.

"One wise practice is a slight decrease in speed to allow for the reduction in vision," the commissioner said.

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## Calprop Announces Cash Payment to Shareholders

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According to Victor Zac-

caglin, president of the property investment and development firm, the payment represents the eighth quarterly cash dividends allocation to stockholders since the firm was incorporated in September, 1961.

Calprop, with main offices located in the Airport-Imperial Building at Sepulveda and Imperial Highway, is engaged in the development and management of garden type apartment buildings throughout Los Angeles County. The corporation presently owns and manages a total of 650 units in the Centinela Valley-South Bay area.

Among projects recently completed by Calprop are the 86-unit, "El Pompet" in Torrance; 91-unit, "The Patrician" near Palos Verdes; and "The Americana," 86 units in Torrance.

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